

THE assessable property of Sherbrooke is rated at \$2,789,645, an increase of \$61,000 over last year. The rate of taxation is 12 mills on the dollar.

NOVA SCOTIA mining returns show that during the month of August 1,156 ounces of gold, valued at \$20,817, were crushed from 1,959 tons of quartz. Returns from some of the mines are not yet in.

ON Sunday evening last the Allan mail steamer "Parisian" arrived at Montreal from Britain, bringing out 684 passengers, 180 cabin, 115 intermediate, and 389 steerage. She carried nearly the whole of her cabin passengers to Montreal. All the leading steamship lines running to the St. Lawrence now receive and land passengers at that port.

THE Sarnia *Observer* declares that the people of Port Huron have a white elephant on their hands in the shape of the Sulphite Fibre Works, the acid and refuse from which have so polluted Black River and added to its former filthiness that there is an epidemic of sickness in the city, and the prospect of a perpetual pestilence while the nuisance exists.

IN a BOILER recently offered the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. for inspection and insurance, the following state of things was found: "The fire line extended above the water line, the back head was insufficiently braced, and there was a stop valve between the boiler and safety-valve." "We meet with all of these defects very often, but it is rare that so many are found at the same time in one boiler." This boiler was in a planing mill, was rather new, and fired with shavings.

THE Halifax dry-dock is now open for business. It was begun on 1st May, 1886, and was completed on 20th September, 1889, though the contractors had until 1st May next to finish the work. The cost is about one million of dollars. Concrete and granite are the materials of which the dock is built. Its length is 680 feet, width at top 102 feet, at bottom 72 feet, depth of water 30 feet. The war ship "Canada," which was the first ship docked, is 225 feet long, 44 feet beam, and draws 19 feet of water. The "Bellerophon," which may soon be docked, is 300 feet long, 56 feet beam, and draws 27 feet of water. The dock can take the largest merchant steamer or warship in the world without removing cargo or armament. Three subsidies of \$10,000 each are guaranteed for 20 years from date by the British Government, the Dominion Treasury, and the City of Halifax.

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A DISCOVERY of roofing slate has been made on Howe Sound, B. C. The indications are, says the *British Columbian*, that the supply is inexhaustible.

A FIRM of merchant tailors in Toronto, Sexsmith & Son, have assigned to Townsend & Stephens. Their creditors are called together for the 30th September.—A meeting of the creditors of Peter Taylor, a Hamilton baker, is called for the same day.

BUSINESS appointments should always be religiously kept. A habitual want of punctuality is one of the most unfortunate faults that a business man can possess, and failure to be on hand to fulfil an engagement is often a serious inconvenience to those who are prompt business men.—*Grocers' Criterion*.

ST. JOHN is moving actively in improving its harbor, and the Common Council has decided to purchase a dredge and fittings, and a resolution has been passed to fill in the Pettingell slips, extend the water frontage, and build large additional warehouse accommodation. St. John will need to supply the C. P. R. with proper shipping facilities.

THE Eastern Oil Company, which appears to be a branch or offshoot of the Standard Oil Company, has been formed at St. John, N.B. Its organization meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th inst. Directors were elected as follows: Messrs. H. A. Hutchins and David S. Cowles, New York, representing the Standard Oil Co., and Messrs. Joseph Bullock, John F. Bullock, and Thos. H. Bullock, St. John. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the officers chosen were: H. A. Hutchins, president; Joseph Bullock, vice-president; J. F. Bullock, secretary; and T. H. Bullock, treasurer. The company is organized to carry on the oil business in the Maritime Provinces.

A WRITER in the *Retail Grocers' Advocate* observes that many retail grocers do not avail themselves of all the opportunities at their command to advertise their business, and he expresses the sound opinion that every paper bag or piece of wrapping paper which goes out of the store should be made an advertising medium. To the name and business address should also be added some useful household recipe, and special bags should be used for all the principle articles sold. Says the *San Francisco Grocer* the habit some grocers have of doing up goods in coarse and unsightly straw paper is decidedly objectionable to customers who appreciate neatness. Attention to small things like this always brings a good return in dollars and cents.

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THE probable wheat requirements of the United Kingdom for the season 1888-89 are approximated by *Beerbohm's Corn Trade List* at 17,000,000 qrs., and the probable supplies of the United States and Canada at 15,750,000 qrs.

ACTIVE preparations are being made by the lumbermen of York County, N.B., for the winter's operations. According to the *Star*, the crews of Messrs. Connors, Stevens, Richards, Kilburn, Gilman, and Brown have already started for the woods.

ON Wednesday of last week, says the *St. John Globe*, an extra car had to be attached to the C. P. R. Montreal train to accommodate the Dominion Express Company's shipment of fish to the upper provinces. The fish was consigned to dealers in Montreal, Hamilton, St. John's, Que., Waterloo, and Toronto.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Stove Founders' Association of the Maritime Provinces was held last week in St. John. No advance in the price of stoves is to take place. As stocks on hand are light a large business in casting will be done before the cold weather sets in. The annual meeting will be held at Yarmouth in February next.

LEAVING his farm in 1886, C. E. Neil began in the general store line at Feversham. His inexperience in business and lack of capital have resulted in the usual assignment.—J. J. McQueen, a carpenter in Hamilton, is in difficulty. He failed when a member of the firm of McQueen, Pitcher & Reid, box manufacturers, who in 1883 had liabilities of \$2,500, assets nearly nil. He has now made an offer of 20 cents, which has not yet been accepted, and he will probably have to assign.—Having bought out a stock of groceries and liquors in February last, A. A. Vernon, at Hamilton, has now failed.

W. P. VAN NORMAN & Co., sewing machine agents in Hamilton, have got behind with their payments. A chattel mortgage has been foreclosed and the landlord has seized for rent. It is said that their statement will show a large deficiency and they will be unable to go on without an arrangement with creditors.—It is reported that R. Moote & Co., who have been in the grocery line at Sault Ste. Marie for only three months, have absconded.—Chris. Brook commenced in the general store way at Thamesford with his brother in 1878. After several changes in partnership he has continued alone since 1882, and now assigns. The liabilities are placed at \$6,000, over which, it is said, he shows a surplus.

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PETER TAYLOR, failed.—So has at North Bay. years, and now \$2,500.—Geo. I at Norwich, always tact, and ha —The present Belfry, a druggist from Hamilton

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